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THE minutes of an annual meeting can only record in cold black and white what was actually done. They cannot mirror the spirit of the work, nor reveal the kindling touch of thought on thought of the workers. These will in a measure be recorded in the fruits that follow. There was shown at Winnebago that the year has been one of growth; that the truth of the motto "Faith and works win" has been widely manifest; the auxiliary system an increasing necessity and increasing power; the treasury free from debt in the face of hard times; the benevolent card adopted in many places; the state work more systematic in methods; the thank-offering service rich in blessing; a new kindergarten missionary sent to India and an evangelistic missionary returned, both of whom are peculiarly fitted for their special work; a marked awakening of interest among the children, especially for their own missionary; a closer relationship and deeper sympathy between workers widely separated; the list of "emergency women" well begun; loyalty to denominational publications—MISSIONARY HELPER, Star, and Free Baptist, as well as to all denominational interests and a desire to be in helpful touch with them; also a more general conviction that the connection with the National Council of women is one of mutual benefit in Christian influence and wide sisterhood. In studying the signs of growth we will not overlook any possible defects, or fail to seek a remedy; but, with such a record in the old, the outlook for the New Year is full of promise.

WORKING NOTES.

MISS COOMBS and Miss Phillips sailed from New York, on the *Furnessia*, instead of from Boston. The arrangements were altered at a late date by the steamship company; so friends who expected to see them off were disappointed, and the report of the sailing, for the *HELPER*, was not forthcoming. But our publisher writes that Miss Phillips went in good cheer, and Miss Coombs promised—in a note received shortly before she sailed—to write to the *HELPER* on shipboard. In parting from those who have personally so endeared themselves to us in the past months, it is beautiful to remember that

“The farewell always lies behind us,
And the welcome always lies before.”

. . . . At a meeting of the Michigan state Y. W. C. A. in October the desirability of student volunteers fitting themselves to be medical or kindergarten missionaries was emphasized, since in these two ways admission can be gained to the homes. . . . As usual in December, valuable matter is crowded out, including a very interesting report of the work of Dr. Mary Bacheler. . . . Already reports of two new auxiliaries and of additional *HELPER* subscribers have come as a result of the meetings at General Conference. A Western worker writes, “At our next Q. M. I shall appoint agents for the *HELPER* in each auxiliary, and see if we cannot double our subscription.” Other letters of like nature indicate heart-warm interest in the work of diffusing missionary intelligence. . . . See announcement of reading committee regarding missionary study for 1896. . . . Mrs. Bachelder of Michigan states: “At a recent meeting of missionary workers, all who became interested in missions through reading were asked to raise a hand, and a large number responded. Some had read an article, marked and handed them by a friend, simply to please that friend, but it was the good seed that sprang up and bore fruit.” . . . Rev. E. B. Stiles, in one of his graphic word pictures of the India field, recently paid a touching tribute to the life of Miss Crawford and the works that follow her. . . . Thanks are due the *Lewiston Journal* for remarkably full and careful reports of the woman’s meetings of the Maine State Association. Maine women have already utilized them in their auxiliaries, with happy results.

Helps for Monthly Meetings.

JANUARY.—REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

CURRENT TOPIC.—Seed thoughts from the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at Winnebago.

Suggestive Program.

Responsive reading, 96th Psalm.

Singing, any song of praise.

Prayer, thanksgiving for mercy, blessing, and guidance through the past year.

Scripture reading, brief selections from Isa. 45.

Items of interest from the home secretaries' reports, noted by different members.

Apportionment of money and MISSIONARY HELPERS in our own state (announced by the president).

Review of work at Harper's Ferry, as reported in this HELPER.

Prayer for Storer College and the young people who come within its influence.

Review of reports from India field. (Locate on map each station as it is reported, mention all the missionaries at each station and their special work. Have photographs if possible.)

Balasore: Sinclair Orphanage, its workers and work, Hindu girls' schools, new methods introduced in work among the young people. *Midnapore*: Medical department, zenana work, Bible women, ragged and industrial schools. State the equivalent in American money of rupee, anna, pice.

Prayer for our field and missionaries in India.

Silent prayer that each member of the society may have sympathy, knowledge, zeal, and steadfastness in the new year, and accomplish more than ever before for the Master.

NOTE.—This meeting is one of the most important ones of the year, and should be particularly emphasized. Refer not only to the HELPERS of 1895, but also to the "Annual Report of the Free Baptist Mission," "Missionary Reminiscences," and the "F. B. Cyclopædia."

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TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PRESENTED AT WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.,
OCTOBER, 1895.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

MINUTES.

The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held according to the following call:

"The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will be held in the Free Baptist church in Winnebago City, Minn., Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1895, at 2 P. M., for the election of officers for the year ensuing, to hear and act upon reports of the board of managers and other officers, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting."

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

Carolina, R. I., Aug. 30, 1895.

The president was in the chair. The session was opened with a season of prayer. As there was not a quorum for business, Miss Lizzie Moody of Michigan was invited to speak of her work in that state. At this time a quorum was present, and the following business was transacted. The records of the meetings of board of managers were read and approved, with the exception of communication from executive committee of Conference Board. This was reserved for further consideration.

Voted, That the plan for unification of denominational forces be referred to a committee of three, who shall prepare a condensed statement of same for presentation, together with a plan for presenting it to our state societies for adoption, urging either adoption or rejection, and said committee shall report at the next annual meeting of the Society.

The report of the corresponding secretary was read and accepted. The report of the treasurer was accepted. The report of the New England secretary was read by Mrs. N. W. Whitcomb, and accepted. The report for Western and Southern states and Michigan was read by the secretary, Mrs. A. A. McKenney, and accepted. The report of the Western secretary for children's work was accepted. The report of the publication committee was accepted. The reports of Miss Kate J. Anthony and Miss Clara E. Schwarz of the Bureau of Intelligence were read by Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, and accepted.

The following recommendation from the executive committee was adopted. The executive committee recommends Miss Edyth R. Porter of Massachusetts for an assistant treasurer, with a salary of \$50.

The following committee for nominating officers was appointed: Mrs. M. C. Ward, Minnesota; Mrs. E. E. Davis, Maine; Mrs. E. H. Andrews, Rhode Island; Mrs. A. E. Dexter, New Hampshire; Miss Lizzie Moody, Michigan.

Voted, That when we adjourn it be to Mrs. F. L. Durgin's, at 8 o'clock Thursday. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Lawrence of Ohio. Adjourned.

RESIDENCE MRS. F. L. DURGIN, 8 A. M., Oct. 3, 1895.

As there was not a quorum, the meeting adjourned to the Free Baptist church.

FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, Oct. 3, 1895.

The meeting was called according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Mrs. A. A. McKenney. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the New England secretary of children's work was read by Mrs. A. E. Dexter, and accepted. The report of the publisher of the *MISSIONARY HELPER* was accepted. The report of the editor of the *MISSIONARY HELPER* was accepted and ordered to be printed with other reports.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the suggestions made by the editor and publisher of the *Mis-*

SIONARY HELPER. Mrs. E. B. Cheney, Mrs. R. D. Lord, Mrs. A. A. McKenney were appointed such a committee. The report of the finance committee by its chairman, Mrs. C. A. Ricker, was accepted. The matter of assisting in publishing the poems of Mrs. V. G. Ramsey was presented.

Voted, To appoint a committee to take the matter in charge and solicit subscriptions for the poems. Mrs. C. A. Ricker, Mrs. S. Randolph, and Mrs. M. R. Wade were appointed.

Miss DeMeritte asked for instructions as to how she should report money raised as for missionary work but used for local purposes.

Voted, That the treasurer of the Society be instructed to say to parties sending receipts of state and local work for credit, that it is the opinion of the Society that it militates against our own work to give credit for such funds, and that for this reason no such credits should be given hereafter.

The following communication from the Western Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was received: Whereas the Western Association has voted to discontinue its organization, therefore it seems necessary for the Western Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society to do the same, and we hereby inform the Woman's Missionary Society of the above condition of affairs, requesting that they as formerly appoint a Western committee to look after our Western work, and to which the executive committee of the Western Branch can transfer its funds. We also request an appropriation for our Western work.

Thera B. True, *Pres.*

Mrs. A. A. McKenney, *Sec.*

In accordance with the above request, a committee of three, with the recording secretary, was ordered appointed.

Voted, To refer the same to the nominating committee.

Voted, That the matter of appropriating money for Western work be referred to the Board. The action in regard to the plan for the unification of denominational forces was considered. Mrs. M. R. Wade, Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, and Miss L.

A. DeMeritte were appointed a committee to prepare a condensed statement of the plan to be presented to the state societies for their rejection or adoption, and report at the next annual meeting.

Mrs. Mary R. Wade, delegate from the Maine State Association, was presented and brought greetings from that body. Mrs. Thera B. True, state president of Iowa, spoke of advanced work in her state. Delegate from Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting, Mrs. M. N. Stillwell, was introduced and spoke feelingly of the difficulties in her part of the state, made by the drought which has visited that region. Mrs. J. J. Murphy from Nebraska spoke of her work. Prayer was offered by Mrs. M. A. Davis. Adjourned to 6.45 Thursday, Oct. 3, at the F. B. church.

FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, Oct. 3, 6.45 P. M.

The meeting was called according to adjournment. A season of prayer followed. As had been previously announced, this meeting was a workers' conference, at which all might speak of plans of work. The following women were presented and spoke of the interest in their respective states: Mrs. H. Gordon, Illinois; Mrs. S. V. Cook and Miss R. H. Palmer, South Dakota; Mrs. M. G. Reeves, Nebraska.

Voted, To adjourn to Friday, Oct. 4, at the Free Baptist church. Adjourned.

FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, Oct. 4, 6.45 P. M.

The meeting was called according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Mrs. M. R. Wade. Mrs. M. C. Ward, president of the Minnesota Yearly Meeting, was in the chair. The conference was continued, the following ladies taking part: Mrs. Sarah Thayer, Illinois; Mrs. J. M. Kayser, Wisconsin; Mrs. A. A. McKenney, Minnesota. Adjourned to Saturday, Oct. 5, 3 P. M.

FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, Oct. 5, 1895, 3 P. M.

The president and secretary being absent, Miss DeMeritte called the meeting to order. Mrs. Bachelder was elected president pro tem., and Miss Lizzie Moody temporary secre-

tary. The devotional exercises were conducted by the president pro tem. At this time the president and secretary arrived. The records of previous meetings were read and after some corrections were approved. The report of the nominating committee was presented by its chairman, Mrs. M. C. Ward, Minnesota. It was adopted and the following officers were elected. [See fourth page].

The oath of office was administered to the recording secretary by Mr. W. D. Smith, notary public.

Mrs. E. H. Andrews, state president of the R. I. district, reported the work in that state. Mrs. A. A. McKenney gave a welcome to her Eastern sisters, and we felt more closely united by her cordial words. A response was given by Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder of Michigan. Mrs. Copp spoke in behalf of the HELPER, and was followed by Miss DeMeritte. The latter took the names of those who would secure subscriptions for it. Mrs. N. W. Whitcomb, editor of the HELPER, was introduced and spoke of the work of the magazine.

Voted, To adopt the following report of the committee appointed to consider the report of the editor and publisher of the HELPER.

1. Your committee wishes to express appreciation of the establishment of an editor's library and book review department.

2. We wish to encourage the use of illustrations just as far as the finances will warrant, believing that the publication committee must decide, in consultation with the editor and publisher, the definite number.

3. We earnestly desire to see the MISSIONARY HELPER enlarged, but in the present financial condition would advise the limiting of enlargement and improvement to such as can be made without much additional expense. We favor the difference in form which will give larger pages.

4. We fear that the limiting of publication of receipts of the Society to the columns of the HELPER would so limit the knowledge of the Society's work as to diminish its receipts.

5. That the same assignment be made as last year of the number of copies of *HELPER* to each Yearly Meeting and State Association, namely: New Hampshire 550, Maine 700, Vermont 100, Massachusetts 250, Rhode Island 350, New York and Pennsylvania 300, Ohio 200, Indiana 100, Illinois 100, Michigan 400, Wisconsin 100, Minnesota 150, Kansas 40, Dakota 30, Iowa 150, Nebraska 50. Total, 3570.

6. The continuance of the same offer of cash premiums as last year, namely:

Any person sending in the *renewals* of not less than five or more than nine subscriptions, with the cash, may retain *two and one-half* cents on each subscription.

Any person sending in the *renewals* of ten or more subscriptions, with the cash, may retain *five* cents on each subscription.

Any person sending in the names of any number of *new* subscribers less than ten, with the cash, may retain *five* cents on each subscription.

7. We also recommend the offer of one copy of "Missionary Reminiscences" for twelve new subscribers, or a copy of "Beautiful Joe" for five new subscribers.

EMELINE B. CHENEY, MRS. R. D. LORD, MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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Miss L. A. DeMeritte spoke on the special services of "Prayer" and "Thank-offering," and also the "Emergency List." Mrs. C. A. Ricker, chairman of the committee on publishing the poems of Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, advised watching announcements in papers and soliciting subscribers in home churches. Miss L. A. DeMeritte introduced the question. "Shall we continue auxiliary to the National Council of Women?" She, with others, spoke of the field opened here for Christian counsel and influence. Mrs. M. A. Davis spoke of the personal benefit she had derived from meeting with the women of this body. The president requested all who think it is diverting money from the legitimate channel to rise. One arose. The negative was called for, and eleven arose.

Voted, That the Woman's Missionary Society express their sincere thanks for the kind and valuable services of Rev. E. Wilson in selling the Kansas quilt.

Voted, To continue auxiliary to the National Council of Women for another year.

Voted, That the record of this meeting be printed in the December HELPER, and the bills be paid by the treasurer.

Voted, To adjourn to Monday, Oct. 7, at 7 P. M., at the F. B. church. Prayer by Mrs. E. A. Copp. Adjourned.

FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, Oct. 7, 7 P. M.

The meeting was called according to adjournment. President was in the chair. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the committee on "Missionary Reminiscences" was accepted.

Voted, To accept the copyright of the "Missionary Reminiscences" as presented by Mrs. M. M. H. Hills.

Voted, That the recording secretary prepare a resolution thanking Mrs. Hills for the copyright; also for the books given to the library of MISSIONARY HELPER.

The following apportionments were made for each state: Maine \$2000, New Hampshire \$1600, Vermont \$400, Massachusetts \$550, Rhode Island \$1400, Western R. I. Association \$50, New York \$100, New York and Pennsylvania \$50, Pennsylvania \$100, Illinois \$100, Indiana \$100, Michigan \$600, Minnesota \$600, Iowa \$400, Nebraska \$50, Kansas \$50, South Dakota \$75, India \$50, Wisconsin \$50, Province Quebec \$50, California \$50. Total, \$8425.

Voted, That these apportionments be assigned by the corresponding secretary.

Voted, That our publisher be instructed to send copies of the HELPER to workers in destitute churches, so far as they can be used in helping our work.

Records of the board meetings were read and approved. Records of this meeting were approved. Prayer was offered by Mrs. M. A. Davis. Adjourned.

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES.

[*Mrs. Emily D. Jordan for New England.*]

The anniversaries of societies are as the birthdays of individuals, and to-day we may indulge in congratulations on the past year, and hopeful auguries as to that to come. Not one breath of discouragement is to be found in the state reports from New England; instead, there is gratitude for gradual growth, and an unflinching determination to push ahead and to climb the heights of increased knowledge and of increased usefulness. We can congratulate our cause on some gain financially at each point, and on an added enthusiasm at our annual gatherings. There is marked improvement in the matter of reports; a comparison with those of five years ago shows a great contrast in promptness and fullness; we are using better business methods, the amounts given being reported from auxiliary treasurer to that of the Quarterly Meeting, thence to that of the state, who passes it on to the general treasurer, thus making the whole work more systematic and accurate.

The women are recommending and introducing the General Conference card into the benevolent work of the churches, approving it as favorable to and not conflicting with the organizing and maintaining of their own auxiliaries. We of the East would call the attention of Free Baptists generally to the assembly work done each summer at Ocean Park, and would invite all to "come and see." We would indorse the resolutions passed by the women of Maine, viz., "That we wish to place before our people the great advantage to be found by them in this gem of parks by the ocean side. The normal classes are beyond all praise. Curtis Home, under the charge of the Educational Bureau, surrounds its temporary inmates with the best influences of a true home. The woman's convention with its choice program offers educational advantages of a high order; heart, mind, and body being equally considered. *Resolved*, That we recommend these advantages to

the special attention of every Free Baptist." Our women have also endeavored to increase the circulation of our denominational publications, and have renewedly pledged to them our earnest support.

The state reports are as follows : —

MAINE.

President, Mrs. Mary R. Wade, Dover ; recording secretary, Mrs. Adelaide B. Webber, North Berwick.

In Maine there are 242 churches and 17 Quarterly Meetings, and the W. M. S. seeks to raise \$2000 per year. Five years ago the amount contributed was \$1200, during 1895 it was \$1967.09, a gain of \$136.65 over the sum raised in 1894. Every Q. M. has contributed, and six have given more than their apportionment. Cumberland is the banner Q. M., and York and Bowdoin follow. York Co. takes more MISSIONARY HELPERS in proportion to its auxiliary members than any other, and Aroostook contributes more money per member. Maine was asked in January, 1895, to increase its subscription to the HELPER from 550 to 682. Our district agents have been efficient, and the result is 132 new subscribers. York Co. has doubled its list. The publisher says, "Had there been a proportionate increase in all the states, we might sing a grand hallelujah at Winnebago."

Our special mission work has been the support of Miss L. C. Coombs, whose home visit has greatly revived the interest in all the churches ; the support of orphans in Sinclair Orphanage, and in other of our India stations, and giving general assistance at Harper's Ferry. We mean to enlarge our gifts, and aid in establishing the new Missionaries' Home and Widows' Home in Midnapore. Let us work while it is day.

ADELAIDE B. WEBBER, *Rec. Sec.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

President, Mrs. M. M. Pinkham, Wolfeborough ; Secretary, Miss Ella C. Hurd, E. Manchester.

At our annual meeting there was an increased interest. Our

basis of apportionment was \$1600, and by the aid of the True bequest of \$523 we had not fallen far short. We had raised \$1325.07; with the bequest added it was \$1848.07, and we voted to again make \$1600 the basis for another year. The bequest was divided as follows: \$150 for Missionaries' Home at Midnapore, \$150 for Miss Butts's salary, and the remainder for kindergarten work in India. We have made a decided gain over last year in recognizing our Q. M. and Y. M. treasurers; nearly two-thirds of the money this year going through the hands of the state treasurer. There are many faithful, strong-hearted women in the N. H. F. B. W. M. S., and they will be heard from the coming year. We are slow to adopt new plans or to get organized, but our hearts are as loyal and our purposes as firm and enduring as the granite hills.

ELLA C. HURD, *Sec.*

VERMONT.

President, Mrs. J. W. Burgin, Enosburgh Falls; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Prescott, Lyndon Center.

We have five Quarterly Meetings contributing directly to the W. M. S.; the amount for '95 has been \$363.02. Vermont is just one little corner of this universe, but still is a part of the great whole. Were the figures in this report the sum total of what is paid for missions, we might feel that we had not done what we could or ought, but during the past few years there have been so many objects of need in missions generally, and so many have wished to have a share in each, that that which has been given for any one object is small; and some of our churches have responded generously, though the figures do not appear here. Bro. Stiles in his tour through Vermont last winter received many contributions, and our young people's societies have forwarded considerable sums to the treasury of the parent society. The influence of pastors in this direction has a wonderful effect upon the people. When the pastor has the true missionary spirit, the people are aware of it, and the work goes on successfully. Of the amount given through the

W. M. S., \$25 was for Emily, \$9.63 for Clara Thorne, \$1.63 for Miss Barnes, and \$326.76 for Mrs. Smith.

ELLEN A. PRESCOTT, *Sec. and Treas.*

MASSACHUSETTS.

President, Mrs. M. T. Emery, Melrose ; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. Lockhart, Lowell.

The Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of the Massachusetts Association has never been in a more healthy condition, the last annual session being especially interesting. The churches have been greatly helped by Miss Coombs, our returned missionary, who has gone from one to another presenting the needs of our India field with a directness and clearness that were entirely new ; and we expect it to have a lasting effect, both spiritually and financially. This auxiliary is endeavoring to instruct the members of the Sunday-schools in contributing regularly to missions. The Sunday-school in Chelmsford St. church, Lowell, has eight classes which gave this year from fifty cents to one dollar per member, and one member, Miss Ada Hidden, has taken the support of a Bible teacher ; two are now supported by her, and one by the church. 239 MISSIONARY HELPERS are taken, a gain of 25 over the subscription list of last year. Most of the churches in the Association have an auxiliary, and some who have none observe the annual thank-offering. From May 6, '94, to the present date, fourteen churches of the seventeen have observed the thank-offering ; giving \$120.90. The whole amount raised by the Society from October, '94, to July, '95, is \$326.67 ; \$200 of this is sent to the Domestic Science Department of Storer College, the rest is given to home and foreign work.

MRS. H. LOCKHART, *Cor. Sec.*

RHODE ISLAND.

President, Mrs. Ella H. Andrews, Providence ; secretary, Mrs. Ella Evans Stanton, Providence.

Several of our churches that have no missionary auxiliary

pay systematic and generous offerings into our treasury. Our society has made a modest gain in total membership, and a goodly gain in our total contribution; nearly every auxiliary has paid its apportionment in full. A new interest has been awakened among our young people and children, by the adoption of Miss Beebee Phillips as their missionary. She has visited many of our churches and kindled new zeal in both young and old. We are especially grateful for the hearty sympathy and general harmony among our constituency. Surely God hath dwelt among us, and his is the victory.

ELLA EVANS STANTON, *Sec.*

	Maine.	New Hampshire.	Vermont.	Massachusetts.	Rhode Island.
Quarterly Meetings.....	17	8	4		
Churches ..	244	100	42	17	28
Auxiliaries	62	29	13	14	13
Auxiliary members.....	790	417	76		324
Young people's societies					4
Members of young people's societies.....					150
Junior societies or bands	20	7	2		8
Members of junior societies or bands.....	130	353	35		298
Missionary Helpers taken.	682	347	15	239	302
Amount raised.....	\$1967.09	\$1325.07 beside bequest of \$500	\$363.02	\$326.67	\$1448.77

Rhode Island is the banner state in organization and systematic methods. Massachusetts excels in her zeal for the thank-offering. New Hampshire leads in bequests to the general treasury, and Maine, that has as many Quarterly Meetings as Massachusetts has churches, has marked the largest gain in subscriptions to the *MISSIONARY HELPER*. Vermont has more than held her own, and has shown great faithfulness in doing so.

“A cup of cold water given for the sake of Christ is a great deed only when it is all we can give.”

[*Mrs. A. A. McKenney for the West.*]

The past year has been a peculiar one in the history of the Western Branch. The work done by our women can hardly be estimated in the usual manner of reporting. While the membership remains as large as formerly, we have fallen a little short in amount raised. We are confident our auxiliaries have been faithfully at work, and have meant to be loyal and true, but the extreme suffering in some portions of our territory has so enlisted the sympathies of our members that a considerable amount raised by the W. M. societies has been sent to relieve physical suffering which otherwise would have been sent farther away to relieve spiritual starvation.

We regret that again we have no report from *Indiana*. An interested sister in the *Illinois* Yearly Meeting writes that there are no organizations in missionary work there, and letters written by herself to pastors and others, pertaining to the cause of missions, remain unanswered. *Central Illinois* has only reported those societies which assist the foreign work. The secretary says, "Much good could be done by an organizer visiting our churches." *Michigan* employs Miss Lizzie Moody, as a home missionary, to visit Quarterly Meetings and as many churches as possible in the interest of missions, home and foreign, education, and state work. Her work is invaluable. Mrs. Grover Jackson has rendered faithful service as state agent for the MISSIONARY HELPER. Miss Libbie Salmon, corresponding secretary of "Aid Work," reports seventy barrels of clothing, and \$176.34 have been sent needy ministers beside freight expenses. *Wisconsin* women have helped in raising the Coldren fund, in state work, and in sending relief to Western sufferers. President, Mrs. G. E. Moore, Honey Creek; secretary, Mrs. E. H. True, Fairwater; treasurer, Mrs. B. B. Rose, Honey Creek. *Minnesota* continues the support of several native teachers in India, and has done much local work, none of which is included in their report. Some localities in Minnesota have contributed liberally for the Western sufferers. *Iowa* has

raised Mrs. Miner's salary in full. Eleven auxiliaries have raised \$753 for local work. *Nebraska* has done quite as well this year as in former years, notwithstanding the many difficulties to be overcome. Considering the drouth and other circumstances we feel much credit is due our sisters in *Kansas*.

As we look carefully at the reports from our Western states we see that the present membership in the Western Branch is nearly four times as large as the number of subscribers to our *MISSIONARY HELPER*. Dear sisters, this ought not to be. The *HELPER* is one of the King's messengers, bringing us new inspiration every month by telling us how brave men and women live and labor for lost souls. It has a mission to perform in creating in the hearts of its readers a desire for other missionary literature and in the extension of Christ's kingdom in the world. Every Free Baptist woman should help it on in its noble mission, and do all she can toward increasing the list of subscribers the coming year. It has been a blessing to many souls, let us help make it a blessing to many others.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

PRESIDENT, MRS. HATTIE GORDON, CAMPBELL HILL; SECRETARY, MISS ANNIE WILEY, MARION; TREASURER, MRS. CLARA MCBRIDE, MURPHYSBORO.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Franklin	6						
Lebanon	8	1	5	1	50	1	\$23.95
Looney Springs	23	3	32	1	50	1	19.25
Makanda.	10						
Wayne	6	1	7	1	21	4	2.50
Total	53	5	42	3	121	6	\$45.70

BOOKS RECEIVED.—Reviews of the following valuable books are crowded out of this number, but will appear at the earliest opportunity: "Free Baptist Cyclopædia," "A Hundred Years of Missions," "The Ministry of the Spirit," and "What I Told Dorcas."

MICHIGAN.

PRESIDENT, MRS. FRANCES KIES, READING; SECRETARY, MRS. ELECTA FRENCH. REYNOLDS, HILLSDALE; TREASURER, MISS LOMA GARWOOD, BROWNSVILLE.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers Taken.	Amount Raised.
Branch.....	Mrs. Julia Jones.....	4	2	...	...	...	...	\$5.15
Calhoun and No. Branch.....	" Theo. Cook	5	1	...	...	...	...	48.64
Cass and Berrien.....	" Carrie V. Carr	6	3	..	2	...	...	96.33
Genesee.....	" Nancy Stimson.....	12	...	...	...	...	...	83.06
Grand Rapids.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.08
Hillsdale.....	" Carrie Gonsalus.....	16	...	...	...	...	...	37.27
Holton and White River.....	" C. C. Cilley.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	5.33
Lansing.....	" C. E. Phelps.....	7	...	...	...	...	...	37.24
Midland.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.19
Montcalm.....	" Emily Fuller.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.65
Oakland.....	" Lizzie Glover	2	...	...	...	...	...	15.00
Osceola.....	Miss Jane Hall.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	4.89
Oxford.....	" Ida Savage	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
River Raisin.....	Mrs. M. H. Harmon.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	2.68
Sanilac.....	" Charlotte Hill	6	...	...	...	...	...	29.61
Van Buren.....	" E. N. Douglas	8	...	...	...	...	...	60.57
Total.....		78	6	....	2	....	241	\$712.69

MINNESOTA.

PRESIDENT, MRS. F. L. DURGIN, WINNEBAGO CITY; SECRETARY, MRS. J. T. WARD, 1508 1ST AVE., S. MINNEAPOLIS; TREASURER, MRS. A. B. QUIMBY, 727 W. KING ST., WINONA.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers Taken.	Amount Raised.
Hennepin.....	Mrs. G. C. Stillman, Minneapolis.....	6	4	66	1	12	44	\$231.44
South Dakota.....	Miss R. H. Palmer.....	4	..	40	1	40	14	58.57
Winnebago City..	Mrs. T. O. Comstock, Huntley	13	9	140	4	80	50	209.87
Winona and Houghton.....	" A. B. Quimby.....	4	3	42	....	....	18	56.42
Total.....		27	20	288	6	132	126	\$616.30

NOTE.—Minnesota has 4 mission bands with 132 members. The children of Nashville Center have, during the past year, raised \$20.25. They have 4 shares in Miss Barnes's salary, sent \$2.50 to Storer College, and \$1.75 to the Temperance Temple in Chicago.

ON God's scales a poor man's best and a rich man's best balance each other.—*Exchange.*

IOWA.

PRESIDENT, MRS. THERA B. TRUE, EDGEWOOD; SECRETARY, MRS. A. L. LAWRENCE, WATERLOO; TREASURER, MRS. H. M. McELROY, FAIRBANK.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Blackhawk and Buchanan.....	Mrs. M. R. Storey	6	4	42	1	10	10	\$52.10
Cedar Valley.....	" G. W. Ringler.....	9	6	95	1	12	9	109.38
Delaware and Clayton.....	" Thera. B. True.....	8	5	55	4	84	21	119.39
Little Sioux Valley.....	Miss M. J. Thompson.....	6	4	52	2	60	14	65.17
Van Buren	" M. V. Toothaker.....	4	2	12	.....	.....	6	30.00
Wapsipinicon.....	Y. M. Collection.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
	Total	33	21	256	8	156	60	\$383.04

NORTHERN KANSAS.

PRESIDENT, MRS. N. L. ABBEY, HALF WAY; SECRETARY, MRS. IDA T. ABBEY, HALF WAY; TREASURER, MRS. L. A. OWEN, BIGELOW.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Blue Valley	Mrs. L. A. Owen.....	2	1	10	.....	.....	.....	\$1.00
Cloud and Republic	" Atha Ashley, Concordia	2	2	39	1	15	2	52.94
Salem	" S. P. Belden, Horton.....	4	1	26	1	.....	2	62.58
Washington	Y. M. Collection.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.47
	Cloud and Republic Q. M. Collection.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
	Total.....	10	4	75	2	15	4	\$123.99

NEBRASKA.

PRESIDENT, MRS. M. W. DODGE, WABASH; SECRETARY, MRS. E. G. MURPHY, LINCOLN; TREASURER, MISS KATE WILLIAMS, KENESAW.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Gosper .....	.....	7	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hastings	Miss Kate Williams	4	3	24	1	7	4	\$16.90
Nemaha.....	Mrs. Sarah Murphy.....	5	4	45	2	35	19	296.65
	Y. M. Collection.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.55
	Total	16	9	69	3	42	23	322.10

Expended for foreign missions \$56.92; state, \$38.52; home, \$2.50; local, \$229.30. In treasury, \$5.14.

WESTERN TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1894.....	\$50.35	
Nashville, Minn., 5 cent assessment.....	.65	
Wheeler, Iowa, 5 cent assessment.....	1.00	
Spencer, Iowa, 5 cent assessment.....	1.10	
Mrs. Mack, Kneeland, Wis.....	.30	
EXPENDITURES.		
Mrs. True's expenses to Western Asso.....		\$21.00
Mrs. Mack's expenses to Western Asso.....		15.00
Mrs. West's S. S. mission work.....		5.00
Circular letter.....		1.00
Money exchange.....		.26
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1895.....		11.14
	\$53.40	\$53.40

MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY, *Western Sec. and Treas.*

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

[Mrs. S. C. G. Avery.]

STORER COLLEGE. (*Harper's Ferry, W. Va.*)

Mrs. Lightner reports:—

Another milestone has been passed, and one more year numbered with twenty-six others in the history of Storer College. On account of the hard times there were some vacant seats during the year, more particularly on the young men's side of the house. The pinchings of poverty have been severely felt, in some cases, by both sexes. The fund to aid indigent students by giving them work needs to be enlarged. Myrtle Hall has had no vacant rooms. The outlying cottages have also been occupied by the usual number of girls. To live in a house with forty or more girls means many things. It means patience, vigilance, decision. It means opportunities for good. It should mean large-heartedness, charity, and, above all, sympathy with young life. It does not mean ease or freedom from small vexations.

To watch the expanding of the mind, the awakening of

latent powers and high aspirations, is a high privilege ; the true teacher finds in this compensation for hours of labor and drudgery. This joy has not been denied the workers at Storer. On the other hand, the teacher is often compelled to see bright minds apparently incapable of continued application, to see others wasting their best powers in idleness and even dissipation. The lives of most teachers are filled with such varied experiences. We have not been wholly free from these common trials, although the year, as a whole, has been one of success and advancement.

The libraries and reading rooms are greatly needing additions in the line of current reading matter. We need the magazines of the day, as well as many books found in the best public libraries of New England. In specifying some of our many wants we are not ungrateful for the many tokens of remembrance from friends of the college. Books, papers, clothing, letters from the leaders of our missionary societies, all testify to the interest of our churches in this work. Many, many times we have been helped over hard places by timely aid.

Miss Mary Brackett writes :—

Last year I spoke of our need of a larger printing-office. Early in the present year the room in the new industrial building was finished, and my class moved into it. It is large and well lighted, and the work in it has been pleasant and profitable. The *Storer Record*, of which the class printed five numbers last year, is proving a valuable medium of communication with our Northern friends, and helps us to keep in touch with the pupils who leave us from year to year. We have attached the small subscription price of fifteen cents a year, or twenty-five for two years, and wish that all who are anxious to learn what we are doing might see this little paper.

Now, since we have room, it is very desirable that we have more material to enable us to accommodate a larger class in printing. Is there not some friend of the college who will feel

sufficient interest to send fifty or one hundred dollars for this especial purpose?

The past year, my classes have been chiefly in the English language and literature. While these studies are comparatively smooth and delightful for young pupils, they are rather discouraging for older ones who have never formed the habit of reading and are accustomed to only bad habits of speech.

From the beginning, when the immediate demand for teachers was so great and the low grade of pupils in the public schools so uniform that teachers with the most meager preparation were acceptable, our course has been gradually but constantly lengthened. In spite of this steady gain, we found our normal course somewhat below that recommended by the state board of regents of West Virginia in 1894. Hence, before issuing our new catalog we revised our courses, adding one year to the normal course, thus making it fully equal to the requirements of the regents.

I cannot close this report without speaking of the assistance rendered during the spring term by Miss Dora Jordan of Alfred, Me. The additional work in preparing for our anniversary has often seemed a great burden, coming as it does at the close of the year, when our hands are already full. This year a large part of this extra work was done by Miss Jordan without remuneration. This grateful assistance allowed Miss Smith and myself, upon whom the work for the past few years has chiefly devolved, to close our year's work much more satisfactorily than usual.

Miss Smith writes:—

My classes, six in number, are, arithmetic two classes, geography two classes, U. S. history, and grammar. These classes are all quite large. In most of their studies I think our students are quite up to the average. They are bright and quick at numbers, and many of them show by their original way of thinking and working out problems that their mathematical bump is strongly developed.

My class in U. S. history did better work last year than any previous class had done ; none of them falling below 75 per cent in class standing, and most of them marking from 80 to 95 per cent in their final examination. In grammar our pupils are at a disadvantage, as the most of them hear so little good English in their homes and among their associates. It is very hard for them to fall into the habit of expressing themselves well, yet each year there is seen a marked improvement in this respect. But my little geography class, a class of fifteen bright little boys and girls, is the one of which I feel proudest. Their nice appearance in class, their nearly always perfect recitations, and their neat papers at examinations are things to gladden a teacher's heart.

Our friends at the North who are giving of their means to help this work will doubtless gather a tenfold harvest from the seed they are sowing, if grateful hearts, faces beautified by intelligence, and homes made happy by the germs of morality and refinement carried into them from this school count for a harvest.

Domestic Science Department.—Miss Baker reports :—

Work in this department begins the first of November, a few weeks being allowed for the scholars to get into working order.

We pursued in the cooking school much the same plan as the previous year, with the addition of some lessons in general methods of housekeeping. In March the first class graduated from this school. It consisted of nine young ladies, who gave a very satisfactory exhibition of cooked food to the faculty and a few invited guests.

During the winter cooking lessons were given to a small class of young men, the most of whom boarded themselves. They became so interested and their work was so satisfactory that we hope to have other classes of boys the coming year.

We are glad to report a higher degree of excellence in the sewing department than last year. This season we have had each girl prepare her own work as far as possible ; sometimes

having the more advanced pupils prepare work for the beginners. In addition to the class in drafting we started another in cutting by patterns, which proved not only popular but successful. The articles made in the sewing room are sold to the girls for the cost of materials, and the small sums thus received are used for purchasing thread, needles, etc., for the classes.

In concluding this brief report of the year's work we wish to extend thanks to those friends who have furnished materials of various kinds for the Domestic Science department the past winter. That such help may be continued and an increasing interest felt in this branch of Storer College is a matter of great importance; for through this department our girls are not only preparing themselves to care for their own homes, but often to earn a living for themselves.

INDIA FIELD.

BALASORE.

Missionaries: Mrs. D. F. Smith, superintendent of Sinclair Orphanage, Miss H. P. Phillips, Miss J. J. Scott, Miss E. E. Barnes.

Mrs. D. F. Smith reports:—

This is an old institution, though its present name is comparatively new. In 1886 it was removed from Jellasore, where for twenty years it was superintended by that noble, self-sacrificing woman, Lavina Crawford. When it took possession of its new quarters at Balasore it was but a fitting tribute to the Rev. J. L. Sinclair and his noble wife to give it their name, for it was their timely gift that enabled us to make it the comfortable home it now is.

There is a great deal to encourage the workers in an institution of this kind. As we go around among the different stations in our mission we are cheered to find that many of the wives and mothers of our native families, who have gone out from this orphanage, are thrifty, tidy housewives. Nearly all

our teachers for zenanas and girls' schools have been connected with it, and so they become valuable aids in our work. Thus there is a bright side to encourage and cheer 'mid the trials and perplexities incident to a work like this.

Several have left during the year. Two of these have married, and two, who have been for some time connected with the Orphanage, tiring of the restraints necessary in an institution of this kind, have chosen to take their destiny into their own hands. May what they have here learned sometime lead them to desire better things.

For some time there has been a good religious interest among the older girls. During the year four have publicly professed their faith in Christ and been added to the church. They all attend services in the chapel on Sundays, and those old enough attend one of the C. E. classes conducted by Miss Phillips. As it is not convenient to take them to the weekly prayer-meeting Thursday evening in the chapel, I have one especially for them at the same time in the schoolroom. Miss Scott has prayers with them each morning, and often goes to their dormitories to be present at their evening prayers. She also gives me valuable aid in cases of illness, often taking the heaviest part of the burden.

A very good woman has recently been secured as matron. A new cookroom, which we have some time needed, is now being built with unsolicited funds from the following persons: Miss Barnes, a thank-offering, thirty-five rupees; Mrs. Pitman, Concord, N. H., thirty-seven rupees, eight annas; and a donation of eighteen rupees from Mrs. Gray, Arbroath, Scotland.

Day School.—This school has four departments. One is supported by the Haverhill, Mass., Band; another by the Y. P. B., Pittsfield, N. H.; another by the aux., Rochester, N. H. All of these schools are in good working order. Rachel Das, the English teacher, has a general oversight of these three departments. As she renders valuable aid out of school hours in the Orphanage, her work extends through the whole day. The

Hanson School is designed for four teachers only. The silver medal awarded by government each year to the girls' school that ranks highest in the district has again been awarded to this school.

A government grant, amounting to thirty-five rupees per month, is given to the first and third departments. The number on the roll the 30th of June was 77. Saturdays are mostly given to religious instruction. Morning prayers are conducted by the head pundit of the school. As the pupils are divided into four classes, Miss Scott and Rachel Das have each one, while the two larger classes are in my charge. This year the reigns of Saul and David have taken our attention.

As we are well aware that the greater number of these girls will never become teachers, an industrial department holds an important place in our school curriculum. Here each girl is expected to spend some time each day in learning to cut and make garments; to knit and do such kinds of fancy work as they can make remunerative in their future homes. Miss Barnes has charge of the workroom from 11 A. M. to 3 P. M. This is a great relief to me, as now I am only obliged to spend two hours daily in this department, instead of five or six as formerly.

Ten Bible women have been kept at work during the year. One of these is supported by the East Otisfield and Sumner churches; one by the church at Northwood Ridge, the fund coming through Mr. O. T. Hill; one by two California ladies; three by funds from New Brunswick through Mrs. Boyer; and four by the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, whose headquarters are in London, Eng.

As a whole, the work of the Bible women has gone on much as in former years; but, in looking over their journals, I notice that there are an increasing number of women who profess to have lost all faith in idol worship. Many say, "I pray daily, and when trouble comes, God helps me." In several places weekly prayer meetings are held, in which the women often take part.

The weekly class for Bible women has been kept up as usual. This year we are going over the history of the apostolic church. Many hundreds of women have heard the words of life since our last report. How lasting have been the impressions made, save in a few instances, we cannot know, but it is for us to sow the good seed, leaving the result to Him who alone can give the increase. As the years go by, we are more and more impressed that our chief work is to present Christ to this people; that this is the beginning and end of every true missionary's work, not only by direct instruction but by living holy, blameless lives.

Miss Barnes reports:—

Since the May vacation my time each day during school hours is entirely used in the sewing department. I have had the beginners, and the little hands have made several quilts; doing it, I think, as well as the children of the same age at home. Some are now learning other kinds of sewing. Our best sewer, a very dear child, was taken to heaven last December. Her name was Phula, which means "flower." I love to think of her as one more flower blooming in our Father's garden.

I have recently started a Sunday-school in a Hindu village, and go early each Sunday morning. I am trying to be of some use in the afternoon Sunday-school in the church. We hope to bring in some of the heathen children, as there are Hindu boys attending the mission day school who never come to Sunday-school.

I am very glad that friends in some of our home churches have shown their interest in our work by writing letters asking for more information. It is good to have these messages coming across the sea. In January Miss Scott and I had the privilege of spending three weeks in itinerating work. We went as far as Bhudruck, visiting many native villages on the way. With the Bible women we helped to tell the "good news" to many who had never heard it before. So we work

with good courage, knowing that no effort made in His name is ever lost.

Zenana Work.—Miss Scott writes :—

Although education is not greatly sought by the women of India, still some of them apply themselves fairly well to their studies, and make considerable progress, considering the disadvantages under which they labor. That religious instruction does lay hold on the minds of all, is evident by remarks we often hear. A short time since, when speaking of prayer, one of my pupils turned to the other women and said, "It is good to pray to God morning and evening, and also before we eat." This woman had asked her teacher to get a book with prayers in it, so she might learn them. I gave her a book, and she has promised to learn one and repeat it to me when I go back.

I found one of the Bible women in one of Mrs. Smith's old zenanas the other day. She told me they have a prayer-meeting once a week in that house. When I rose to go, they said, "Won't you pray before you go?" For many years they have heard the truth, and have given up heathenism, but whether they have really accepted Christ is known only to the Searcher of hearts.

Some time since I started a weekly class for my teachers. We study "methods of teaching," a book on health, and Bunyan's "Holy War." The teachers attend well, and, on the whole, do their work faithfully. My little classes with the children of the Orphanage, besides spare minutes spent talking or playing with them, make a nice change from outside work.

I have a very interesting class of young women on Sabbath afternoons. They have just reached the age when, humanly speaking, they must make the great decision. In a country like this, when so many girls of their surroundings fall before temptation, one cannot help feeling deeply anxious. If they can only be won for Christ, what a power for good they may become.

The Hindu Sunday school, which I started on our veranda,

has been changed to the village from which the children come. The change has been a fortunate one, for not only do the children attend better, but the parents are quite interested, and often remain to listen. The children are very gentle and teachable. The boys who can read are much pleased to get texts written for them to learn. In this way they are able to commit many verses and hymns.

Although there are many encouraging things in connection with our work, we of course have our disappointments; but, as it is far more helpful to look on the bright side, we try to do so, remembering that all that we experience in work undertaken for the Master is a part of the "all things" that shall work together for our good.

Hindu Girls' Schools.—Miss Hattie P. Phillips reports:—

My seven little Hindu girls' schools continue, with an average number of 256 belonging and an average of 185 in daily attendance. The lack of efficient teachers renders this work far less satisfactory than it would otherwise be. Besides, the parents of the little girls are still so ignorant that they can see no special reason why they should send their children to school unless paid for it by having them furnished with books, pictures, and now and then a cloth—which means a suit of clothes.

No department of work has occupied more of my effort during the past year than that of our Christian children. In these days, when Christian Endeavor societies, Loyal Temperance Legions, Bands of Mercy, mission societies, etc., are springing up on every hand, one realizes how much there is to teach children in addition to their regular week day and Sunday lessons. To have a separate organization for each is simply out of the question. The best solution of the problem I have formed is having a single organization for each grade of children or adults, and introducing these various themes on successive weeks of the month. "My parish" is divided into six sections, meeting for an hour in the morning on the successive days of the week. I believe that several have begun a

new life. Several of the large girls have been baptized during the year; and of the boys I think two, at least, have become sincere followers of Christ.

Temperance Work.—A line of work which has occupied more of our attention than ever before is that of temperance. Thus far our work has been quiet and largely tentative, but we hope for a strong growth during the coming year. Just now, at the request of the president of our Woman's Missionary Society at home, we are organizing auxiliary missionary societies among our native women, which we hope will result in much greater intelligence on mission matters, as well as in the growth of liberality.

Our Sunday school continues about the same in size, but suffers grievously at intervals from the lack of teachers. Several of the teachers are young men, gradually getting into Christian work, and their development, in many respects, is very gratifying, and gives hope of strong workers in the future. As I look back upon the past year I am impressed with this thought, *that he who would win souls should have special training for his work*. The women need a thorough course of Bible study just as truly as the men. We need training in actual soul-winning. Ordinary Bible *reading* is a very different thing from careful Bible *study*, especially if taken under the guidance of a "clinical professor." When I think of my own lack of preparation, nothing short of the memory of the "woe is me if I go not," which haunted me for long years, could convince me that my coming was not a mistake. I am thankful, *so thankful*, that the next one likely to come from our ladies' society has had a special training for a definite work, and that one of the most important.

MIDNAPORE.

Missionaries: Miss Ella M. Butts, Mary W. Bacheler, M. D., Miss L. C. Coombs,* Mrs. M. C. Miner.

* NOTE.—Miss Coombs, who is supported by Maine, has been doing very effective work in this country in the past eighteen months. At present she is on her return passage to her loved work in India.—EDITOR.

Bible School Woman's Department.—Miss Butts reports :—

Nine young women, all wives of Bible students, have been connected with this department during the year. In the common secular branches they receive instruction in the Christian Girls' School, but they come to me daily for a Bible lesson. Illness, the birth and death of children, have all come to interrupt the school work of some of these women ; yet these events have been visibly helpful in the development of Christian virtues, and I am thankful to note a decided growth in grace in several members of the class.

Ragged Schools.—There are twelve of these schools at present, five within the municipality of Midnapore and seven in country villages. Six of the teachers are Christians, the others Hindus. There are three hundred and seventy-eight pupils, about one fourth of the number being girls. On Christmas about two hundred Hindu boys and girls assembled on the schoolhouse veranda in the mission compound. Each school sang hymns, repeated in concert passages of Scripture, and answered questions from the catechism. Appropriate recitations were given. An interesting dialog written by one of the teachers was rendered by two boys, one of whom was supposed to be a Christian, and answered the questions of the other as to the origin of Christmas and the reason for its joyous celebration. On the whole, the exercises were similar to those of a Sunday school concert, and surely the children of few Christian Sunday-schools could have performed their parts in a more satisfactory manner. Finally each pupil received a bright-colored print bag, which contained an orange and some sweets, also a pretty card and a little Bengali child's story paper.

On New Year's day I was at Babagadia, where we had a Christmas and New Year's fete. [See Miss Butts's letter in August HELPER.—EDITOR.] The day before I had examined the school, beginning soon after sunrise. Four boys had memorized the catechism and received the usual reward of four annas (about eight cents) each.

In the afternoon we went over the rice field—then dry and hard—to a village where Modhu has an afternoon school. After the school was dismissed, Paras, Modhu's wife, and I went into a house near by to have a talk with the crowd of women collected there. Paras sang a hymn, explaining the meaning verse by verse. The tears rolled down her cheeks as she talked to them of the loving Saviour, who came to earth to save us from sin and its consequences. Then I tried to enforce what was said, but they were so eager to ask me all sorts of personal questions that we could not win their attention to spiritual things. As we left the village several people brought out diseased children, asking if I couldn't prescribe for them. An itinerating medical missionary would find a grand field for labor in these country districts.

Zenana Work.—Dr. Mary Bacher writes :—

During the past year there have been about 200 names on the roll ; the average for the year was 120, and the average of attendance 91. Owing to the early age at which younger pupils marry, and the interruptions caused by the domestic cares of the older pupils, but few attain to any great degree of scholarship ; by far the greater number being content to gain a moderate familiarity with "the three R's," just sufficient for the reading of easy books, writing to absent friends, and attending to the domestic accounts. In many cases it is only with the greatest difficulty, and after months of patient perseverance on the part of both pupil and teacher, that even this slender knowledge is acquired.

In addition to the regular routine of secular teaching, the pupils have lessons in the catechism and Bible stories.

Nine teachers, one assistant, and six companions, two of whom teach, go out twice daily during most of the year. As the houses of most of the pupils are at some distance from the native Christian community, the teachers have to be conveyed to their work in two bullock carts, and a *palki garrie* drawn by a horse.

During the regular vacations the teachers are called together for both secular and religious instruction. The results, as shown by recitation and examination, are often most satisfactory. Though sometimes disappointment falls to the lot of the instructor, yet, on the whole, the teachers are hard working and painstaking.

Medical Work.—About the usual number of patients have been treated during the year, both at the dispensary and at homes in the town. Some most gratifying results have caused much encouragement. Tracts and leaflets have been distributed as occasion has offered, and during part of the year preaching and talking with the waiting patients has been carried on.

Although medicine is often given away, and to very poor patients only a nominal sum is charged, the dispensary continues to be self-supporting.

Soon after the close of the Yearly Meeting in India last November, our India committee began to take steps to secure a valuable piece of property known as the "Old Jail" at Midnapore. In this they have been successful, and the government has made over to them the large compound, with the wells, buildings, etc., on condition of the payment of a nominal rent and a few stipulations in regard to buildings, etc. This property cannot be sold, but is ours as long as it is used for missionary or benevolent purposes, and is regarded as a generous gift. It will require extensive repairs before it will be suitable for our work, but there is much material that can be utilized, and already \$1000 has been given for this work. Mrs. Smith and Miss Hattie Phillips constitute the committee to superintend the repairs. Our Board feels it has great reason for thanksgiving that God has raised up an efficient kindergarten missionary for our work in India, who has been specially trained for this important work, in the person of Miss Beebee Phillips, who is already loved not only as the daughter of our lamented Dr. J. L. Phillips, but for her own sake. She sails this fall, and, as we follow her with our prayers, we look for much good to result from her labors. We do urge upon our auxiliaries and the women of our churches to keep in close

touch with our work by thorough information, and in no way can we secure this information so correctly as through our publications, especially the "Missionary Reminiscences" and our own magazine, the *HELPER*. Let the interest of each member of the Woman's Missionary Society be so deepened and intensified that we shall stay up the hands of our workers at home and abroad with our sympathy, our prayers, and our money, and may the Lord lead us to understand his will and be ready to do it.

S. C. G. AVERY, *Cor. Sec.*

INDIA FINANCIAL REPORTS.

MRS. SMITH IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1895. [*Balasore.*]

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	2555	10		Balance due June 1, 1894..	66	4	3
Government grant-in-aid..	360			Salaries of school teachers..	855	9	3
Local board grant-in-aid..	60			" Bible women...	70	11	
Local subscriptions, Miss				" servants of dep't	108		
Taylor for Chundri.....	36			Support of children in Or-			
Rachel's services	12			phanage	1546	7	3
Mrs. Coldren	3			Conveyance	61	14	3
Income from industrial de-				Repairs	187	5	
partment	45	5	10	Books	60	11	
Income from cows	137	2	8	Materials for work	51	7	
Balance due	129		9	Postage	13	10	
				Medical attendance and			
				medicine	120		
				Russell school	90	15	3
				Jellasure work	105	5	
Total	3338	3	3	Total	3338	3	3

MISS H. P. PHILLIPS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1895. [*Balasore.*]

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand	389	15	4	Salaries of school teachers..	798	8	6
Woman's Miss. Soc... ..	1177	13	7	" servants of dep't	239	1	
Government grant-in-aid..	360			Conveyance	180	3	
Municipal grant-in-aid....	150			Repairs on schoolhouses			
Rent surplus	48	8	1	and garry	47	14	6
				Rent and taxes	13	2	
				Books	55	8	
				Prizes and rewards	19	1	
				Postage	2	7	6
				Incidentals	2		6
				Furnishings	6	11	3
				Examination expenses	6	9	
				Balance in hand	757	2	9
Total	2126	5		Total	2126	5	

MISS J. J. SCOTT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1895. [Balasore.]

RECEIPTS.	RS.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	RS.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	200	2	3	Salaries of zenana teachers	536	8	
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	553	2	3	“ servants of dep't	151		
Government grant-in-aid..	300			Conveyance	139	10	
Local subscriptions.....	125			Repairs on conveyances			
Fees	8	9		and stable.....	30		
Interest on deposit.....	6	9	9	Books.....	5	4	6
				Prizes and rewards.....		9	
				Incidentals and harness...	17	14	8½
				New horse	230		
				Balance in hand.....	82	9	½
Total.....	1193	7	3	Total.....	1193	7	3

MARY BACHELER, M. D., IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S., FOR THE YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1895. [Midnapore.]

RECEIPTS.	RS.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	RS.	A.	P.
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	855	9	6	Balance due.....	183	4	6
Government grant-in-aid ..	450			Salaries of zenana teachers	519	7	3
Local subscriptions.....	30			“ servants of dep't	180		
Fees	24	15		Conveyance	541	9	9
Sale of society property...	104			Repairs	30	4	6
Government grant-in-aid				Rent and taxes	34	8	
bills (due).....	150			Materials for work.....	15	12	
				Prizes and rewards	17	14	
				Postage.....	1	8	
				Medical attendance and			
				medicine	3		
				Incidentals	47	15	3
				Balance in hand	39	5	3
Total.....	1614	8	6	Total.....	1614	8	6

MISS E. M. BUTTS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1895. [Midnapore.]

RECEIPTS.	RS.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	RS.	A.	P.
Balance in hand	139	9	6	Salaries of school teachers.	349	8	
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	500	15		“ servants of dep't	48		
Government grant-in-aid..	88			Repairs on schoolhouse			
				(new doors).	85	12	
				Rent and taxes	16	4	
				Books and blackboards....	27	6	9
				Materials for work.....	5	10	6
				Prizes and rewards.....	17	12	3
				Postage		9	3
				Incidentals	4	11	3
				Balance in hand	172	14	6
Total.....	728	8	6	Total.....	728	8	6

“ No one can neglect the poor and be true to Christ.”

MISS BUTTS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1895. [*Ragged Schools.*]

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	67	5	9	Salaries of school teachers..	778		
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	733	2	8	" servants of dep't	98	12	
Other funds from America	188	6	1	Conveyance	100		
Local board grant-in-aid ..	175			Repairs on schoolhouses			
Municipal grant-in-aid....	100			and bullock cart	45	8	6
				Rent and taxes	27	12	9
				Books, maps, and leaflets..	24	8	6
				Materials for work.....	8	9	3
				Prizes and rewards	18	3	
				Postage	1		9
				Incidentals	7	2	3
				Balance in hand	154	5	6
Total.....	1263	14	6	Total.....	1263	14	6

MRS. M. C. MINER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1895. [*Midnapore.*]

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Bal. in hand July 1, 1894..	25	4	6	Salaries of Bible women ..	305	4	
Woman's Miss. Soc	497	7	5½	Conveyance	126	9	9
				Repairs on house.....	38	11	
				Books.....	1		
				Yearly Meeting expenses..	7	14	
				Balance in hand.....	43	5	2½
Total.....	522	11	11½	Total	522	11	11½

MRS. BURKHOLDER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1895. [*Bhimpore.*]

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Woman's Miss. Soc., four				Balance due from last acct.	102	12	
remittances.....	588	12	2	Salary of school teacher,			
				girls' school.	108		
				Salaries of Bible women			
				and servants of dep't....	278	5	8
				Support of children in			
				school.....	71	2	8
				Repairs on girls' house...	12		
				Books for girls	4	8	
				Medical attendance and			
				medicine, 1 year, girls in	10		
				school.....	12		
				Incidentals, 1 durgee. ...	60		
				Matron 1 year			
Total.....	588	12	2	Total.....	588	12	2

“WHOEVER hinders God's work in his own heart hinders it also in the world at large.”

MRS. COLDREN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1895. [*For Chandbali.*]

RECEIPTS.	RS.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	RS.	A.	P.
Woman's Miss. Soc.	141	3	5	Balance due.....	28	11	11
Other funds from America.	51	12	4	Salaries of school teachers	10		
				" Bible women ..	108		
				Conveyance	12		
				Balance in hand.....	34	3	10
Total.....	192	15	9	Total.....	192	15	9

MRS. COLDREN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. W. M. S., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1895. [*For Bhudruck.*]

RECEIPTS.	RS.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	RS.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	179	1	9	Salaries of Bible women...	147	8	
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	281	15	4	Conveyance	9		
				Books	4	8	
				Postage		6	
				Incidentals	2		4
				Returned to Mrs. Smith			
				for the society.....	100		
				Balance in hand	197	10	9
Total.....	461	1	1	Total.....	461	1	1

REPORTS OF SECRETARIES OF CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

[*Mrs. Dexter for New England.*]

In response to requests made of the Yearly Meeting presidents, secretaries were appointed as follows: Mrs. Newell of Thorndike, Me.; Miss Remick of Somersworth, N. H.; Mrs. Fletcher of Lowell, Mass.; Mrs. E. H. Roberts of Carolina, R. I. Vermont was to have one appointed at the September session, but the name has not yet been reported to me. These were to appoint children's secretaries for each Quarterly Meeting, who in turn should appoint local secretaries for the individual churches. It is their duty to interest the children in the work done by Miss Barnes, their own missionary, and mission work in general, through junior societies, mission bands, and Sunday-school classes. In reply to inquiries made of the state secretaries, the following has been received from Mrs. Roberts of R. I.: "I think that during the year there has been an in-

crease of interest in children's work, in the churches in this Association. There are eleven bands and junior societies in connection with the churches, and, in thirteen out of nineteen churches corresponded with, the children are receiving regular missionary instructions, and are giving for missions, either in the bands and juniors, or in connection with the auxiliary or young people's society. One new band has been organized and one that was given up reorganized during the year. Several of the bands and juniors have taken shares in Miss Barnes's salary, and during the year the children in nearly every church in this Association have given toward the outfit and passage, and are now pledged toward the support of Miss Beebee Phillips. Miss Phillips has spoken at nearly all of our churches, and in this way more interest has been aroused in this work. In a number of the children's societies, systematic giving for missions by card system or monthly offering is being practised. The exact amount given by the children during the year cannot be given in this report, 'as all the societies have not been heard from. There is promise of this work being taken up in some of the other churches soon.' Mrs. Fletcher of Massachusetts has been doing well, and our editor informs me that Mrs. Newell of Maine is doing excellent work. Miss Remick of New Hampshire has resigned her position, and as yet no one has been appointed to fill the vacancy. I know of but three bands in this state that are doing much in this line. I think, however, as soon as the work is established, results will be greater. The Holy Book tells us, "A little child shall lead them." If this be true, a great work for children is to be done, especially when we realize that the future citizens, missionaries, and temperance men and women are the children of to-day. God help us to be more faithful in this work the coming year.

ANNA ELLIS DEXTER.

Rochester, N. H.

"WHOEVER does his best for God does all an angel can do."

[*Mrs. Mosher for the West.*]

My report must necessarily be brief. While I believe that the general interest of the children is on the increase, less of the work this year has come under my personal observation. On account of necessary detention I have not been able to attend the sessions of the societies in connection with the Western Association, nor of the different Y. M's. Secretaries have been appointed, I think, in all cases, but I have no reports from them which I can embody in this. Miss Moody is doing excellent work as traveling agent, and will make her own report. The money is directed to be paid to the treasurer, and the sums raised will appear in her report.

My opinion still is that this is a work which should be pushed, that it is the most hopeful and one of the most important of our denomination. My experience also is that attention is best called to this department by its personal presentation at our public meetings by some authorized agent, and that careful regard for the forming and sustaining of mission bands is essential. I would suggest that all traveling agents be instructed to regard this part of mission work. The greatest difficulty I have met is to obtain reports. I wish this might be urged upon Q. M. and Y. M. secretaries.

Hillsdale, Mich.

FRANCES STEWART MOSHER.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING AGENT.

In presenting the annual report as publishing agent of THE MISSIONARY HELPER, we wish to refer chiefly to plans that were laid at your last annual meeting, and to encourage the development of these plans. It appears that we have a system that is well adapted to our requirements, and that needs only the co-operation of all to make it successful in largely increasing the usefulness of our magazine.

The assignment of a definite number of subscriptions to be secured in each Yearly Meeting and State Association we believe to be a practical, efficient plan if put in operation. We

find, that, while no state has met its assignment in full, those that have the most aggressive state agents have made the largest gain in number of subscribers.

In Maine the assignment for the state, 700 copies, was divided among three state agents, and one of these, Mrs. Greenleaf of the Western District, reports a gain of 76 subscribers. The entire gain for the state is 132. Rhode Island is favored with an efficient state agent, through whose efforts a gain of 50 subscribers has been made. Mention should also be made of the state agent of Michigan, who has worked faithfully and where we expect to see yet larger results in the coming year as the fruit of her seed-sowing. The work of the state agent in Massachusetts is also worthy of special mention. Possibly others have been equally faithful, but if so the results are not as apparent to your publisher.

We hope that where this system is not already adopted it will be, and Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, and local church agents appointed at once, that a vigorous campaign for subscribers for 1896 may begin promptly. We suggest the same apportionment to the several states as last year.

The special offer of reduced rates to persons having the care of renewals of subscriptions and also for the securing of new subscriptions was appreciated and accepted by a sufficient number to warrant its continuance. It has also been decided to offer a copy of "Beautiful Joe," a valuable book published by the American Baptist Publication Society, for the securing of five new subscribers. This book is especially interesting and helpful to children, and we hope that many boys and girls will secure it as a premium.

We believe that the *HELPER* is an indispensable assistance in the work of our society. We believe it is a means of helpfulness to all its attentive readers, and as such merits the hearty support of all Free Baptists. We bespeak for it the coming year a larger share of your interest and greater zeal on the part of all in largely increasing its circulation.

Providence, R. I.

ELLA H. ANDREWS.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR *

DEAR FRIENDS: Your devoted servant began her work with such a hearty "god-speed" from the retiring editor that she has not failed to receive friendly co-operation all along the line. For this she returns heartfelt thanks. It is only through such co-operation, deepened and widened, that our little magazine can be made what it is intended to be—the voice of the worker at work, the home-letter between two lands, the disseminator of missionary intelligence, and, last but by no means least, the self-supporting organ of the Woman's Missionary Society.

We call attention to two new features of HELPER work, which are closely related, viz., the department of book notices and the beginning of a permanent missionary library for the use of successive editors. Suitable tools are as necessary to the literary worker as to the farmer, and the editor of any missionary magazine must be able to find, at short notice, important facts regarding home and foreign fields; have at hand the biographies of well known missionaries and general books of reference, quite as much as the valuable current missionary literature accessible through exchanges. The problem of how to obtain this aid has been happily solved in two ways—first by opening a friendly relationship with publishers, for mutual advantage; second, by appealing to individuals to give, directly or by bequest, to the HELPER library, books that will be of actual service to it. Such volumes will be marked with special library tickets, and the name of the donor written thereon. Mrs. M. M. H. Hills has signified her intention of bequeathing to the W. M. S., for the use of the editor, complete sets of bound *Missionary Review of the World* and MISSIONARY HELPER, also unbound files of other missionary periodicals, which will be convenient for reference. The library already

* From an already too long report, written with no thought of publication, the editor has omitted such statements as are repeated in other reports or in the "Prospectus of 1896."

contains about twenty volumes, including "The Encyclopædia of Missions," "Free Baptist Cyclopædia," "A Hundred Years of Missions," etc.

Another feature that appears more frequently than formerly is that of illustrations. The editor was authorized to provide a first-class cut for each issue of the HELPER for 1895, but only one has been of any expense to the magazine. Thanks are due individual workers, the *Morning Star*, and *Lewiston Journal*. Many people have expressed their enjoyment of the "Well Known Workers" series, declaring that it gave them more interest in the work to read of those who are so closely connected with it, and to see their faces. It is often difficult to obtain cuts suitable for our small-sized pages. This leads to the need of an enlarged magazine. Your editor feels keenly the inadequacy of space, particularly in the fact that month after month the wider and more general missionary news has been crowded out by articles in the several departments. Yet none of these can be omitted. *From the Field*, *Words from Home Workers*, and *Helps for Monthly Meetings* are indispensable. The two former keep us in touch with our own workers, the latter gives a wider outlook which is needed to make even our own work most effective. You will be interested to know that this department has been helpful outside of Free Baptist borders, and that teachers and missionary workers representing several denominations have written that they make frequent—in some cases monthly—use of *Helps for Monthly Meetings*. This is simply by way of proof that the HELPER has its special mission to many people, and so we should be the more ready to uphold it.

The *Junior Department* is a felt want, and should be emphasized; for in no other F. B. publication, we believe, are juniors having anything distinctively their own, in the line of missions, with such incentives to work as the suggestive program and the "Roll of Honor." We have been told that no other instrumentality has done more to arouse enthusiasm for

the children's missionary—and how the pennies have poured in! Do not neglect the junior department or fail to call the children's attention to it.

Errors. We often think that in order to have a satisfactory magazine, without typographical or other mistakes, the editor must be an angel, the printer a wizard, and the treasury inexhaustible! It is unnecessary to state that none of these conditions exist, so we beg you to be patient with common human agencies.

A missionary of a sister denomination writes in a recent letter, "I know not how to thank you for the privilege of reading the *HELPER*, and shall be glad if in a small way I may be a helper to it." If all of our own people would have the same spirit toward our little magazine, it would succeed, both educationally and financially. Let us put more into it; we shall then get more out of it.

Your fellow worker,

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

The work of the committee has been similar to that of other years, and hardly needs repetition. At the beginning of the year the withdrawal of our former editor, Mrs. E. B. Cheney, faced the committee, and it was with regret that we parted with one who had endeared herself to us in so many ways and whose efficient services had been so highly appreciated. Another event which saddened us was the enforced retirement, on account of illness, of our secretary, Mrs. S. E. Davison, who for eight years had served us most ably and acceptably. The welfare of the little magazine has been near to our hearts, and endeavor along the line of promoting its highest success our chief thought. Our measure of success has been greatly advanced by the deep interest and untiring efforts of our new editor, Mrs. Nellie Wade Whitcomb, who has proved herself an able successor to our former one.

At the beginning of the year, hoping the better to meet our

expenses and in response to a communication from the general society, an assignment of an increased subscription list was made to the different State Associations. It is earnestly requested that more notice be taken of this increase by the different states, and that a special effort be made to meet the assignment. One new feature, which was thought would aid and be an additional attraction to the magazine, is the use of cuts, a number of our officers' faces appearing. It is purposed to continue this feature. The committee having observed that the reports from the different State Associations occupy more space than previously and thus crowd out other important matter, and desiring to have both the full reports and the other current and valuable matter, it is most respectfully suggested by the committee that the style and form of the HELPER be changed and its space enlarged.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE AND EXCHANGE.

We have fair harvest sheaves from the year past, even while many hopes and aims are far from being fulfilled.

The dialog illustrative of the customs and life in India, and the costumes and curios from our fields there, are especially appreciated and in demand. We hope to enlarge this branch in the year to come. In truth, everything we have in the way of costumed exercises is eagerly sought, both as object lessons and as peculiarly adapted to attract and awaken those indifferent to the mission cause.

Mrs. Schwarz writes concerning her department: "A large number of calls for helps in holding meetings have been received. I have not been able to reply to the requests in a manner quite satisfactory, owing to the fact of there being so little fresh material. Something denominational in the way of leaflets is needed, or exercises pertaining to the work. There is quite a call for dialogs and poems. I hope that some one with bright thoughts will be able to suggest a plan, so that all of this may be had."

KATE J. ANTHONY, *Chairman.*

40 Summer St., Providence, R. I.

STATE APPORTIONMENTS.

At the recent annual meeting of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society an apportionment was made to each state contributing to its work on the basis of the year's appropriations. The amount assigned to each was regulated by the contributions last year, and also by the apportionments which have been voted by the several states, so far as they were known, like \$1600 by New Hampshire and \$2000 by Maine. The corresponding secretary was authorized to notify the states of their assignments.

It is hoped that the state officers will at once divide these apportionments and assign them among their Quarterly Meetings, at the same time urging the Quarterly Meetings to subdivide and assign to the churches. This should be done yearly by all the states, as some states are now doing. Haste is necessary in order to have all the machinery at work at the very beginning of the year.

All kinds of gifts are reckoned as a part of the state apportionments. For instance, Minnesota is apportioned \$600; now thank-offerings, children's contributions, special gifts by individuals, as well as yearly membership fees from the people of Minnesota, aid in meeting this amount.

It should also be known that this apportionment of the Woman's Society aids in meeting the general apportionment made by General Conference, as the \$50,000 which it divides among the states includes what the Woman's Society contributes to the missionary work, home and foreign. **TREASURER.**

CORRECTION.—Our friend Mrs. A. A. McKenney modestly requests that we correct the impression given in the October *HELPER* that she has been president of the state W. C. T. U. of Minnesota. We wish to add, however, that she was eight years president of local unions in both Minnesota and Wisconsin, and many of us know that her biographer did not overstate the power of her consecrated service to both missionary and temperance work.—**EDITOR.**

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FREE
BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING
AUG. 31, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1894	\$431 31
from estate of Robert Cristy for Cristy Fund	\$11,052 00
from estate of Silas Curtis for outfit and passage of missionaries	200 00
for foreign missions including zenana work	857 85
schools, teachers, and Bible women at Midnapore	269 25
schools, teachers, and Orphanage at Balasore	827 72
work at Bhimpore	66 15
Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary	376 15
Miss H. Phillips's salary	404 00
Miss L. C. Coombs's salary	231 66
Miss E. M. Butts's salary	390 95
Dr. Mary Bachelor's salary	330 98
Mrs. Miner's salary	260 08
Miss E. E. Barnes's salary	410 51
Miss J. J. Scott's salary	110 00
home mission, including Storer College	237 95
domestic science department and industrial de- partment at do.	646 47
from income of Cristy fund	1,447 67
Cristy fund to be re-invested	1,469 00
for widows' home	320 09
Miss L. C. Coombs return passage	158 86
Miss B. Phillips's outfit and passage, including kindergarten supplies	459 37
missionary home at Midnapore	1,151 00
Western work, special account	67 00
from income of general funds	109 39
saving bank deposit on account of Miss E. Butts, for general fund	84 25
	<u>1,847 00</u>
Total receipts	\$23,785 35
Total to account for	\$24,216 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash for Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary	400 00
Miss L. C. Coombs's do.	400 00
Miss H. Phillips's do.	400 00
Miss E. M. Butts's do.	400 00
Dr. M. Bachelor's do.	400 00
Mrs. Miner's do.	300 00
Miss E. E. Barnes's do.	400 00
Miss J. J. Scott's do.	400 00
Miss M. J. Baker's do.	500 00
Miss E. V. Smith's salary, paid by Cristy fund	350 00
Mrs. L. Lightner's salary do.	400 00
Miss M. Brackett's salary do.	400 00
treasurer's salary	249 96
Hindu day school, Balasore	227 50

Cash or rent at Balasore	\$50 00
zenanas at do.	150 00
Orphanage at do.	420 00
assistant in Orphanage at do.	118 75
Bible woman, Hanson school, day school, and re- pairs at do.	100 00
Russell memorial school at do.	25 00
boys' mission school at Midnapore	120 00
ragged schools at do.	215 00
zenanas at do.	240 00
Bible women at do.	135 00
work at Jellasure	62 00
Bhimpore	160 00
Chandbali	37 50
Bhudruck	77 50
missionary home	1,001 65
widows' home invested	288 06
Miss Butts's old account	82 25
industrial department at Storer College	400 00
Miss B. Phillips's outfit	200 00
Miss B. Phillips do. on passage	30 34
Miss L. C. Coombs on do.	25 00
National Council dues and expenses	162 15
thank-offering expenses	28 71
treasurer's traveling expenses	3 45
L. A. DeMeritte's traveling expenses as delegate	4 95
Miss L. C. Coombs's traveling expenses to annual meeting	11 30
advertisement in HELPER	30 00
balance HELPER deficit for 1894	42 95
printing reports	121 00
postage, stationery, mission cards, etc.	44 97
Mrs. M. A. Prescott's annuity	65 00
investment of Cristy funds	11,052 00
re-investment of Cristy fund	1,469 00
on account of Cristy fund income for premiums on bonds, care of fund, etc.	330 17
for utensils in D. S. department Storer College	3 16
state work, special account	67 00
Total disbursements	\$22,601 32
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1895	1,615 34

Total accounted for \$24,216 66

After deducting, from cash on hand and cash due the Society by Cristy fund and unpaid interest, what belongs to outfit and passages, widows' home, missionary home, Miss Scott's and Miss Butts's account, and HELPER deficit for 1895, there is a net balance of \$548.08. LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treas.*

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and well vouched, and the estimate of net cash on hand as per statement in the treasurer's cash book. MRS. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, *Auditor.*

Receipts are distributed as follows:

New Hampshire	\$2,074 71
Maine	2,018 79
Rhode Island	1,256 92

Michigan	\$540 20
Minnesota	498 45
Massachusetts	486 52
Vermont	375 91
Iowa	299 89
New York	95 30
Illinois	83 44
Pennsylvania	78 29
Kansas	70 93
South Dakota	46 20
India	40 00
Indiana	38 51
Wisconsin	36 85
Province of Quebec	35 00
New York and Pennsylvania	34 60
Nebraska	31 66
Prince Edward Island	21 12
North Carolina	15 00
Connecticut	13 50
Ohio	13 31
California	16 00
New Brunswick	10 00
Missouri	2 00
Oregon	1 00
Miscellaneous	238 19
Missionary home	1,000 00
Cristy fund	11,051 00
Curtis fund	200 00
Interest C. fund	1,447 67
Interest general account	109 39
Reinvestment account	1,469 00
Rent money returned	35 00

Total \$23,785 35

NOTE.—Thank-offering for the year about \$730.

FUNDS.

Working capital	\$672 00
Mary B. Wingate (formerly Hebbard)	500 00
Sanitary fund	184 41
Hanson fund	500 00
Prescott fund	1,000 00
Mary A. Dearborn fund	400 00
Dearborn fund	425 00
Curtis fund	1,000 00
Littlefield fund	300 00
Widows' home	200 00
Cristy fund	29,752 00

Total \$34,933 41

INVESTMENTS.

Municipal bonds	\$9,600 00
Railroad bonds	6,000 00
Investment Trust Co. bond	100 00
Mortgages on land	9,250 00
Mortgages on property of Educational Bureau at Ocean Park, Me.	500 00

Mortgage on Green Mountain Seminary	\$3,000 00
Savings bank deposits	1,333 41
Premium on bonds	450 00
25 shares Boston and Albany R. R. par	2,500 00
22 shares Old Colony R. R. par	2,200 00
Total	\$34,933 41
Premiums in addition:	
Boston and Albany at selling price, \$200	2,500 00
Old Colony at do \$175	1,650 00
Total investment valuation	\$39,083 41
Real estate in India:	
Sinclair Orphanage at Balasore.	
Old jail property to be used for a missionary home.	
Dispensary, etc., at Midnapore.	

My examination of the above investments satisfies me that the statement of the treasurer is correct. ALICE M. METCALF, *Chair. Investment Com.*

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

Made by the Board of Managers of F. B. W. M. S., in annual meeting, October, 1895.

INDIA DEPARTMENT.

<i>Midnapore.</i> —Miss E. M. Butts's salary	\$400 00
Boys' mission school	120 00
Ragged schools	215 00
Dr. Mary Bachelor's salary	400 00
Zenanas	240 00
Mrs. Miner's Bible women	125 00
Miss L. C. Coombs's salary from Sept. 1, 1895, to Jan. 1, 1897	533 00
	\$2,033 00
<i>Balasore.</i> —Miss Hattie Phillips's salary	\$400 00
Hindu day school	250 00
Rent	50 00
Miss Scott's salary	400 00
Zenanas	140 00
Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary	400 00
Orphanage	420 00
Day school	35 00
Hanson school	25 00
Repairs	77 50
Bible women	62 50
Russell memorial school	25 00
Rachel Das	87 50
Miss E. E. Barnes's salary	400 00
Miss Beebee M. S. Phillips	400 00
	\$3,172 50
<i>Bhudruck.</i> —Bible women and school	77 00
<i>Chandbali.</i> —Bible women and schools	37 50
<i>Jellasore.</i> —Girls' school	62 00
<i>Bhimpore.</i> —Mrs. Burkholder's work	160 00
Total for India	\$5,542 00

HOME DEPARTMENT.

<i>Storer College.</i> —Miss M. J. Baker's salary	\$500 00
Mrs. L. Lightner	400 00
Miss Mary Brackett	400 00
Miss E. D. Smith	350 00
Industrial department	400 00
Western work	100 00
Treasurer's salary	250 00
Assistant treasurer's salary	50 00
Total	\$7,992 00

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

Miss Emilie E. Barnes's salary—shares \$4 each.

Children's Mission Band, Campbell Hill, Ill.	2 shares
"The Little Helpers," Nashville Center, Minn.	2 shares
"Cheerful Workers," Nashville Center, Minn.	2 shares
Juniors of Elmwood church, Providence, R. I.	1 share
"Cheerful Givers," Scranton Ave. church, Cleveland, O.	2 shares
Children's Band, Mason, Mich.	1 share
Infant Class, Main St., F. B. S. S., Lewiston, Me.	1 share
Junior A. F. C. E., Portsmouth, N. H.	1 share
Class No. 5, Winter St., F. B. S. S., Haverhill, Mass.	1 share
S. S. Paw Paw, Mich.	1 share
S. S. West Farmington, Me.	1 share
Class No. 8 F. B. S. S., Dover and Foxcroft, Me.	1 share
Mrs. Mira H. Brayton, Park Street church, Providence, R. I.	1 share
Two primary classes, F. B. S. S., Greene, Me.	1 share
"Emilie Barnes Mission Band," Kingston, Mich.	1 share
Irving E. Dennis, Monticello, Wis.	1 share
Infant S. S. class, Scarboro, Me.	1 share
Junior A. F. C. E., Gonic, N. H.	1 share
Mission Band, Amesbury, Mass.	1 share
Friend in Maine (for children who cannot own a share)	1 share

KINDERGARTEN OUTFIT OF MISS BEEBEE PHILLIPS.

The many friends who have been interested for the past few months in securing funds for the kindergarten supplies of Miss Beebee Phillips will be glad to know that her equipment is quite complete and very satisfactory to her. She selected from the stock of Mr. J. L. Hammett of Boston such an outfit of kindergarten supplies as she desired, including a blackboard; in addition she was provided with an organ, a fine camera, and a mimeograph. From personal funds she supplied a good kindergarten and general library. In speaking of her equipment she remarked, "If I have head enough and heart enough I think I shall be able to do something in India." Those who know her believe she has both head and heart for her work, and are looking for large results from her labors at Balasore. Let us not forget that we may help her by our prayers and continued loving sympathy.

E. H. A.

Contributions.

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts for October, 1895.

MAINE.

Edgecomb Q. M. for Miss Barnes	\$2.67
Gray church	1.00
Lewiston, Mrs. Starbird	5.00
Litchfield Cong. church col.	4.03
Milo church	2.00
No. Freeport col.	3.65
Ocean Park, Mrs. M. A. Fiske for annual membership Maine M. Soc.	1.00
Portland 1st F. B. ch. aux. for incd. fund exp. del. Gen. Con. \$5	
Portland Y. P. S. C. E. for Miss Coombs's work	20.00
Portland for Midnapore work	6.00
Portland, Mrs. N. H. Litchfield's S. S. class for ragged school Midnapore	1.00
Prospect and Unity Q. M. aux.	7.00
Scarboro infant class for Miss Barnes's salary	4.00
So. Windham aux. for Balasore work	2.50
Waterville Q. M. W. M. S. for gen. work	2.57
West Bowdoin aux. for Miss Coombs's salary	6.00
West Bowdoin (incidental) for exp. del. Gen. Con. \$2.	

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Candia church	11.00
Canaan	5.35
Center Sandwich aux. for Miss Butts and India	4.75
Danville aux.	10.00
Deerfield	2.20
Hampton aux. for gen. work	10.00
Manchester Miss. Soc. for W. M.	3.51
New Durham Q. M. col.	8.00
New Hampton miss. band for school in India	10.00
New Durham aux.	5.00
Northwood, Mrs. Batchelder	.50
Portsmouth aux.	6.00
Somersworth for gen. work	15.00
Strafford Corner for Miss Butts and Storer College	8.00
Strafford B. Lake	5.00
Walnut Grove	10.00
Washington St. aux.	3.05
West Lebanon for F. M.	4.00
Corinth Q. M. for Mrs. Smith's salary	4.00
Huntington Q. M. W. M. S. for Mrs. Smith's salary	4.00
Huntington ch. for Mrs. Smith's salary	2.10
Jonesville, Mrs. Algers for Mrs.	

Smith's salary	\$1.00
St. Johnsbury aux. for Mrs. Smith's salary	8.00
St. Johnsbury for incidental fund	.25
Washington aux.	1.50

MASSACHUSETTS.

Abington, Mrs. Mary J. Talbot of Whitman ch. for child in S. O. pledged to be supported by Mrs. H. K. Pierce	.25
Amesbury miss. band for Miss Barnes's salary	4.00
Haverhill aux. for Haverhill sch.	5.00
Haverhill aux. for gen. work	15.00

RHODE ISLAND.

Auburn Y. P. C. E. for Miss Phil- lips's O. and P.	20.00
Olneyville C. E. Soc. O. and P.	10.00
Pawtucket aux. O. and P.	2.25
Pawtucket junior C. E. O. and P.	6.50
Pawtucket Sunshine Circle King's Daughters O. and P.	1.25
R. Wms. C. E. toward organ and box	45.00

OHIO.

Seneca and Huron Q. M. W. F. M. S. for F. M.	13.50
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INDIANA.

W. M. S. of Indiana Asso. for gen. fund	5.66
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WISCONSIN.

Dallas Miss. band for Miss E. Barnes	.90
Monticello, I. E. Dennis towards Miss E. Barnes's salary	4.00

IOWA.

Estherville	3.50
Horton aux.	5.13

NEBRASKA.

Long Branch aux. for F. M.	6.55
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SOUTH DAKOTA.

Valley Springs aux. for teacher with Miss Butts	12.50
Valley Springs for share Miss Barnes	4.00

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rec'd of Jos. McLeod for widows' home fund	48.72
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid by Rev. T. Burkholder to Mrs. D. F. Smith for S. O.	16.15
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Total \$465.24

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treas.*

Dover, N. H.

per EDYTH R. PORTER, *Asst. Treas.*

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